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National Guard News

Missouri's Heros

As our men and women continue to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom, we all extend our most heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for their selfless service to this country. These brave soldiers may rest assured in knowing that their mission was an amazing success and has helped to secure the peace in a volatile region. But even more importantly, they have confronted a ruthless tyrant who ruled through terror and threatened to proliferate weapons of mass destruction to those who seek to harm the United States. There is no cause more noble than answering the call to defend the rights and liberties of freedom loving people.

As we look back over the course of events that led us to this point, we now realize that it took too long to recognize the threat posed by Osama bin-Laden's network. While we were appalled at those

first attacks, such as the first World Trade Center bombing, the attack on the USS Cole and the destruction of our embassies in Africa, we responded too weakly. Rather than treating these attacks as acts of war, we looked upon them as crimes. The attacks on September 11, 2001 taught us a painful lesson – we cannot allow potential and lethal threats to go unchecked. We can no longer tolerate the existence of governments that support terrorists. In a world of proliferating weapons of mass destruction, we cannot afford to wait until threats become actual attacks.

Armed with nuclear, chemical and biological agents and the capability to deliver these weapons with precision guided ballistic missiles, Iraq under Saddam's control was a destabilizing force in the pivotal Middle East region. This brutal dictator had a shocking history of using weapons against his neighbors, and even his own people. The picture

was clear, Saddam Hussein would not be appeased from using weapons of mass destruction in the future against the United States or its allies.

Today, we are able to congratulate America's war fighting heroes, our National Guard and Reserve in their unparalleled success. They not only eliminated this global threat but they have also freed a grateful Iraqi people from this oppressive regime, with remarkable speed. These men and women answered America's call and can be proud of their accomplishment.

The employers of these citizen soldiers also deserve our continued thanks and appreciation for the support they give to those who serve. Because of the evolving nature of our military, America has come to rely heavily on the service provided by our National Guardsmen and Reservists to provide combat ready forces. Much of this added burden has been placed on their employers, who have responded with full support to these soldiers, for which our nation is grateful.

We must also thank the families back home who represent the most important element of support. Wherever their mobilization may take them in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the love and support they receive from their families, inspires them as they complete their mission.

We can never forget that freedom is not free. We will continue to give our steadfast support for these courageous troops who remind us that the peace we enjoy at home, is paid for by those that continue to be in harm's way. We ask God to look over each of them and their families until they are able to come home.



Christopher S. Bond



Bond honors military personnel at a Memorial Day celebration in Kansas City.

Missouri Activations

Air National Guard

- ★ 131st Fighter Wing, St. Louis - 138
- ★ 157th Air Operations Squadron, Jefferson Barracks - 74
- ★ 139th Airlift Wing, St. Joseph - 284

Army National Guard

- ★ Stabilization Force 13, soldiers from statewide - 87
- ★ Headquarters State Area Command FWD 2, Jefferson City - 1
- ★ 1107th Aviation Classification and Repair Depot, Springfield - 2
- ★ 20th Aviation Brigade, Warrensburg - 1
- ★ 1035th Maintenance Company, Jefferson Barracks and DeSoto - 32
- ★ 110th Engineer Battalion, Kansas City, Lexington and Macon - 49
- ★ 135th Signal Battalion, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Harrisonville and Carrollton - 32
- ★ 35th Division Support, Lexington - 4
- ★ 110th Engineer Battalion, Kansas City - 2
- ★ 135th Rear Operations Center, Kansas City - 49
- ★ 1138th Military Police Company, West Plains and Springfield - 124
- ★ 135th Military History Detachment, Jefferson City - 3
- ★ 1139th Military Police Company, Harrisonville and Moberly - 182
- ★ 175th Military Police Battalion, Fulton - 14
- ★ 1137th Military Police Company, Kennett, Jefferson Barracks and Fulton - 171
- ★ 203rd Engineer Battalion, Joplin, Neosho, Springfield, Clinton, Anderson, St. Peters, Carthage, Monett, Pierce City and Fort Leonard Wood - 643
- ★ 235th Engineer Detachment, Jefferson City and Jefferson Barracks - 56
- ★ 2175th Military Police Company, St. Clair and Hannibal - 124
- ★ 1221st Transportation Company, Dexter, Trenton, Centertown - 169
- ★ 1138th Engineer Battalion, Jefferson Barracks - 39
- ★ 205th Medical Battalion, Kansas City - 55
- ★ Headquarters State Area Command FWD 4, Jefferson City - 3
- ★ 1107th AVCRAD, Springfield - 60
- ★ 135th Aviation Battalion FWD, Warrensburg - 1
- ★ MOARNG Information Operations Field, Jefferson City - 1
- ★ 1137th Military Police Company FWD 1, Kennett, Jefferson Barracks and Fulton - 2
- ★ MOARNG Information Operations Field FWD 2, Jefferson City - 4
- ★ 175th Military Police Battalion FWD 2, Fulton - 1
- ★ 110th Engineer Battalion, Kansas City, Macon, Lexington - 332
- ★ Headquarters State Area Command FWD 5, Jefferson City - 1
- ★ Detachment 3, 185th Theater Aviation, Springfield - 9
- ★ 175th Military Police Battalion FWD 2, Fulton - 4
- ★ CO C 1, 135th Aviation Battalion, Whiteman AFB - 1
- ★ Headquarters State Area Command FWD 9, Jefferson City - 1

Defense Appropriations

For fiscal year 2003, Senator Bond secured over \$59 million in key military construction (MILCON) projects for Missouri.

“These dollars are going to help our troops in Missouri,” said Bond. “While this funding is a step in the right direction, there is much more work to be done to fully modernize and upgrade our military bases around the state, and the rest of the country.”

Projects Bond secured include:

Military Family Housing - Whitman Air Force Base - 92 units of family housing. \$17.1 million.

Tactical Vehicle Simulator Building - Fort Leonard Wood - Training facility to improve readiness - \$15.5 million.

Army Aviation Support Facility - Fort Leonard Wood - MOARNG facility for a base of operation for aviation support critically important with the expansion of Fort Leonard Wood. \$14.8 million.

Access Control Points - Fort Leonard Wood - Four location to improve security control points. \$9.5 million.

Army National Guard Aviation Classification and Repair Depot (AVCRAD) - Springfield. Senator Bond has emphasized the importance of AVCRAD being listed as part of the Army's Future Year's Defense Plan for essential funding of the \$30 million dollar project. For FY03 \$1.2 million.

MOARNG Training Facility - St. Peters. Design funding for the new St. Peter's Readiness Facility. \$500,000.

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Responder Training Facility - Fort Leonard Wood. Funding will be used to enable the Army to better prepare for future WMD operations. \$500,000



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